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Appl No.: 10/706,863
Filed: November 12, 2003
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I (Claims 1-6), Group II (Claims 7-9) and Group III (Claims 10-19). Applicant hereby elects Group I and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions of Groups I and II are sufficiently related such that the burden imposed on the Examiner in examining the inventions together are significantly less than the burden imposed on the Applicants in paying for the filing and prosecution of separate applications for these groups. Applicants do recognize the examination burden on the Examiner but respectfully submit that the claims of Groups I and II could be searched together and that searching the Group II claims would not entail additional searching beyond that necessary for the Group I claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

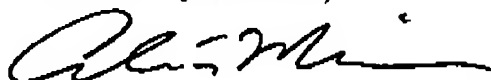
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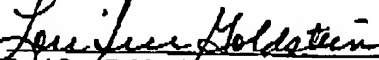


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